

Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel Claims 59, 61-66, 68-72, 74-77 and 81-86 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please add Claims 87-101 as follows.

Claims 1-86 (Cancelled).

87. (New) An information processing apparatus comprising:

a display unit, adapted to display a window for accepting a setting for a printer driver and an instruction to print;

a first determination unit, adapted to determine whether or not the instruction to print is accepted;

an issuance unit, adapted to issue a control command based upon the setting to a printer when the instruction to print is determined to be accepted by said first determination unit;

a second determination unit, adapted to determine whether or not a setting value of a first setting item in the window is changed when the instruction to print is determined to be not accepted by said first determination unit;

a third determination unit, adapted to, when the setting value of the first setting item is determined to be changed by said second determination unit, determine whether or not to allow a user to instruct to change a setting value of a second setting item corresponding to the changed setting value of the first setting item; and

a change unit, adapted to,

when it is determined that the user is allowed to instruct to change the setting value of the second setting item, display a window on which the user is allowed to instruct to change the setting value of the second setting item and, when the user instructs to change the setting value of the second setting item, change the setting value of the second setting item corresponding to the changed setting value of the first setting item, and

when it is determined that the user is not allowed to instruct to change the setting value of the second setting item, change the setting value of the second setting item corresponding to the changed setting value of the first setting item without displaying the window on which the user is allowed to instruct to change the setting value of the second setting item.

88. (New) An apparatus according to claim 87, wherein, when it is determined that the user is not allowed to instruct to change the setting value of the second setting item, said change unit does not change the setting value of the second setting item corresponding to the changed setting value of the first setting item.

89. (New) An apparatus according to claim 87, further comprising an acquisition unit, adapted to acquire link information regarding the changed setting when the setting value of the first setting item is determined to be changed.

90. (New) An apparatus according to claim 89, wherein the link information contains information instructing that a first value of the second setting item is unable to be changed and information instructing that a second value of the second setting item is selected.

91. (New) An apparatus according to claim 87, further comprising:  
an acquisition unit, adapted to acquire link information regarding the changed setting when the setting value of the first setting item is determined to be changed;  
and

a comparison unit, adapted to compare the link information acquired by said acquisition unit and a setting,

wherein said change unit changes the setting value of the second setting item corresponding to the changed setting value of the first setting item if the link information differs from the setting.

92. (New) An information processing method performed in an information processing apparatus that displays a window for accepting a setting for a printer driver and an instruction to print, said method comprising:

a first determination step of determining whether or not the instruction to print is accepted;

an issuance step of issuing a control command based upon the setting to a printer when the instruction to print is determined to be accepted in said first determination step;

a second determination step of determining whether or not a setting value of a first setting item in the window is changed when the instruction to print is determined to be not accepted in said first determination step;

a third determination step of, when the setting value of the first setting item is determined to be changed in said second determination step, determining whether or not to allow a user to instruct to change a setting value of a second setting item corresponding to the changed setting value of the first setting item; and

a change step of,

when it is determined that the user is allowed to instruct to change the setting value of the second setting item, displaying a window on which the user is allowed to instruct to change the setting value of the second setting item and, when the user instructs to change the setting value of the second setting item, changing the setting value of the second setting item corresponding to the changed setting value of the first setting item, and

when it is determined that the user is not allowed to instruct to change the setting value of the second setting item, changing the setting value of the second setting item corresponding to the changed setting value of the first setting item without displaying the window on which the user is allowed to instruct to change the setting value of the second setting item.

93. (New) A method according to claim 92, wherein, when it is determined that the user is not allowed to instruct to change the setting value of the second setting item, said change step does not change the setting value of the second setting item corresponding to the changed setting value of the first setting item.

94. (New) A method according to claim 92, further comprising an acquisition step of acquiring link information regarding the changed setting when the setting value of the first setting item is determined to be changed.

95. (New) A method according to claim 94, wherein the link information contains information instructing that a first value of the second setting item is unable to be changed and information instructing that a second value of the second setting item is selected.

96. (New) A method according to claim 92, further comprising:  
an acquisition step of acquiring link information regarding the changed setting when the setting value of the first setting item is determined to be changed; and  
a comparison step of comparing the link information acquired in said acquisition step and a setting,

wherein said change step changes the setting value of the second setting item corresponding to the changed setting value of the first setting item if the link information differs from the setting.

97. (New) A program stored in a computer readable medium, which makes a computer execute an information processing method, the computer displaying a window for accepting a setting for a printer driver and an instruction to print, said method comprising:

a first determination step of determining whether or not the instruction to print is accepted;

an issuance step of issuing a control command based upon the setting to a printer when the instruction to print is determined to be accepted in said first determination step;

a second determination step of determining whether or not a setting value of a first setting item in the window is changed when the instruction to print is determined to be not accepted in said first determination step;

a third determination step of, when the setting value of the first setting item is determined to be changed in said second determination step, determining whether or not to allow a user to instruct to change a setting value of a second setting item corresponding to the changed setting value of the first setting item; and

a change step of,

when it is determined that the user is allowed to instruct to change the setting value of the second setting item, displaying a window on which the user is allowed to instruct to change the setting value of the second setting item and, when the user instructs to change the setting value of the second setting item, changing the setting value of the second setting item corresponding to the changed setting value of the first setting item, and

when it is determined that the user is not allowed to instruct to change the setting value of the second setting item, changing the setting value of the second setting item corresponding to the changed setting value of the first setting item without displaying the window on which the user is allowed to instruct to change the setting value of the second setting item.

98. (New) A program according to claim 97, wherein, when it is determined that the user is not allowed to instruct to change the setting value of the second setting item, said change step does not change the setting value of the second setting item corresponding to the changed setting value of the first setting item.

99. (New) A program according to claim 97, wherein said method further comprises an acquisition step of acquiring link information regarding the changed setting when the setting value of the first setting item is determined to be changed.

100. (New) A program according to claim 99, wherein the link information contains information instructing that a first value of the second setting item is unable to be changed and information instructing that a second value of the second setting item is selected.



101. (New) A program according to claim 97, wherein said method further comprises:

an acquisition step of acquiring link information regarding the changed setting when the setting value of the first setting item is determined to be changed; and

a comparison step of comparing the link information acquired in said acquisition step and a setting,

wherein said change step changes the setting value of the second setting item corresponding to the changed setting value of the first setting item if the link information differs from the setting.